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In re Application of: Ogami et al.

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PLACEMENTS AND PRUNING OF DISALLOWED PLACEMENTS FOR
PROGRAMMING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 08/10/2006, please enter and consider the following amendments, remarks, and arguments for the above captioned patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.